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In re Application of: )  
Takehiko TSUCHIYA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2128  
Application No.: 09/606,148 ) Examiner: Chang, Sunray  
Filed: June 29, 2000 )  
For: CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS, )  
CIRCUIT DESIGNING METHOD, AND )  
COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING )  
MEDIUM STORING A CIRCUIT )  
DESIGNING PROGRAM )

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004, the period for response to which extending through April 5, 2004, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are made in the attached replacement sheets and are discussed in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper beginning on page 10.

**Attachments to this paper** include four (4) replacement drawing sheets, including Figures 1, 2, 4A, 4B, 5A, and 5B.